

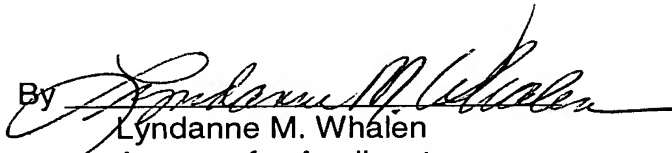
**REMARKS**

In response to the restriction requirement made under 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicants elect to prosecute Claims 17-35 (i.e., the claims in Group II), without traverse.

Non-elected Claims 1-16 will be cancelled upon receipt of a notice that Claims 17-35 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the above remarks, examination of Claims 17-35 on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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